

IN THE CLAIMS:

Prior to continued examination, please enter the following amendments to the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A transdermal system ~~consisting of~~ comprising:
 - a) a cover layer,
 - b) a polymer layer ~~consisting of~~ comprising
 - i) at least one immobilized droplet comprising at least one active ingredient dissolved or dispersed in the at least one immobilized droplet and
 - ii) a dried layer comprising at least one water-soluble polymer,
wherein the at least one immobilized droplet is emulsified or dispersed in the dried layer, a non-water-soluble polymer, a water-soluble polymer and at least one active ingredient,
 - c) an optionally active-ingredient-containing adhesive layer,and
 - d) a protective layer,

wherein the ~~water-soluble polymer and the at least one active ingredient are present in the polymer layer in the form of~~ at least one active ingredient solution or dispersion ~~which~~ is not miscible with water and wherein the at least one active ingredient is adapted to be delivered in a surge upon the breakdown of the polymer layer.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the water-soluble polymer is gelatin.

5. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the polymer layer is perforated, so that at least the adhesive layer above the polymer layer can come into contact with the cover layer and the adhesive layer below the polymer layer.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the adhesive layer below the polymer layer is from 10 to 300 μm .

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Previously Presented) A process for the manufacture of a transdermal system according to claim 1 wherein in a freely selectable order, applying an adhesive layer onto a protective layer, applying a polymer layer comprising at least one active ingredient, optionally having perforations onto the adhesive layer, optionally applying a further adhesive layer above the polymer layer, and applying a cover layer as an uppermost layer.

11. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the cover layer comprises one or more water-vapour-impermeable material(s).

12. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer.

13. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer comprises a net, a non-woven fabric or a woven fabric.

14. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the protective layer is a siliconised plastics film adapted to be detachable.

15. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one active ingredient is testosterone.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1 wherein the water-soluble polymer is a cellulose ester or derivatives thereof.

18. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1 wherein the water-soluble polymer is a cellulose ether or derivatives thereof.

19. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 8, wherein the thickness of the adhesive layer below the polymer layer is from 30 to 100 μm .

20. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 11, wherein the water-vapour-impermeable material is polyester.

21. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 11, wherein the water-vapour-impermeable material is a polyterephthalic acid ester.

22. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 11, wherein the water-vapour-impermeable material is polypropylene or polyethylene.

23. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 11, wherein the water-vapour-impermeable material is polyurethane.

24. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 11, wherein the water-vapour-impermeable material is a non-woven fabric or a woven fabric.

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 24, wherein the non-woven fabric or a woven fabric is less than the thickness of the adhesive layer.

27. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 14, wherein the detachable protective layer is a silicone paper.

28. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one active ingredient is nicotine.

29. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one active ingredient is nitroglycerine.

30. (Previously Amended) A method of treating Angina pectoris, nicotine withdrawal or testosterone deficiency symptoms by the administration of a transdermal system according to claim 1.

31. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the polymer layer is perforated, so that the adhesive layer below the polymer layer can come into contact with the cover layer.

32. (Previously Presented) The transdermal system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one active ingredient is a mixture of at least two components selected from the group consisting of testosterone, nitroglycerine and nicotine.